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MOVING OUT OF THE AREA (PORTABILITY)

There are important things you should know if you decide to transfer (port) your Housing Choice Voucher to another housing agency's jurisdiction.

Be aware that if you just received your voucher, the other housing agency's income limits apply, and you may not be eligible for assistance at that location.

Be aware of your voucher's expiration date. You cannot receive assistance once your voucher expires. Also, if the other agency does not have enough time to process your transfer, you may be denied assistance.

Be aware that some housing agencies are not accepting transfers to their areas.

Be aware that the new housing agency may have different policies and procedures.

Be aware that your assistance may be less at your new location because the payment standard may be lower.

Be aware that you may receive a reduction in the number of bedrooms on your voucher because the new agency may have different standards.

Be aware that you cannot move if you owe money or if it is found that you or a family member has engaged in criminal activities

Please contact the other housing agency to find out its processing time, income limits, payment standards, availability of rental units, average rents, and other information that may affect your benefits.

You will need adequate resources to provide for your living expenses and move-in costs while your assistance is being processed. Assistance is never processed retroactively, so if you move into a unit before an inspection and contract are completed, you are responsible for the full rent.

It is recommended you give a sixty-day notice to move from your present unit, instead of a thirty-day notice, to allow additional time for the processing of your transfer.